The Cabinets are of Black Walnut, & cost about £50-

Now, my dear friend, can you help me in this matter? I mean by advising me how to set about disposing of my Herbarium. It will cost me even a pang to do so, but hereafter I shall have neither time nor inclination for Botany - If I could afford to give away my Collections, I would do so very cheerfully, but I cannot, & must therefore do my best to realize what they will fetch for the sake of my dear Babes -

Excuse this application to you, my dear Bartt, for I know not to whom else I could apply - & indeed I know that you will at least give me your Counsel in the matter - Do you think Dr. Alexander could assist me at all?

I trust you, & dear Mrs Bartt are stronger than when I last saw you -

May God bless you all -

Yr. frustrate, but ever affec.

J. H.

8, Warnford Court, London,

Tuesday, 18 Nov.r 1856.

My dear Bartt - In the greatest desolation of heart, I have returned to my Painting House, it being my own opinion, as well as that of the members of my dear wife's family, that it is better for my mind to be occupied in some manner, than that I should stay at home brooding over my many afflictions - I say home, but alas! I have no longer any, for I cannot reside in my former happy house, which I desire to sell just as it stands, including the furniture, which is all new & very good, & upon the cost of which I would submit to a large reduction - If you have any friend looking for a house in your neighbourhood this would be worthy of attention - It is needless to say to you, my dear friend, that my sole care for the future is the welfare of my dear Children - & my dear wife's Mother &

Sisters have promised me their active supervision of the dear little Creatures, if I remain to their neighbourhood - Blackheath & this I have therefore resolved to do - and in the meantime, my dear Children, & I myself, shall stay with their excellent Grand-parents (at No. 10 Paragon, Blackheath)

But the house which I shall hereafter select for my residence, will be the smallest which I can obtain in a good neighbourhood, in fact, a mere Cottage, as I am convinced that apart from my desire to live hereafter at the smallest possible expense, my sense of Gesolation will be much less in a small Cottage, than in a Central House - Now this resolution, which I have taken, brings upon me an immediate difficulty, as to which I wish to conduct with you - & indeed to receive your assistance - if it may so be.

In a house, such as I have resolved to tenant for the future, I could not make room for my Cabinets & Herbarium, & these therefore I desire to sell at once, that I may be ready to give up my House in Up. Bedford Place at Christmas if I am so fortunate as to let it, in the meantime - Now, I do not, of course, expect to get the value of my Herbarium, nor any thing like it, for it is valuable for the excellence of the Specimens & the care with which I have selected them from very many thousands, which have passed thro' my hands - And now, as to the extent of the Collection - it is almost complete as to the Northern & Middle States, being rich in Southern & Western Specimens including many of the recent discoveries in California & North Mexico - The Specimens are cemented (not glued) by my own hands, on between 12 & 13,000 Sheets of white paper - enclosed in Brown generic wrappers - I should suppose that there are, upon an Average, at least 5 Specimens (from different localities) on each Sheet which would give a total of 60,000 which, indeed, I believe to be under the mark - Of the number of actual species I have no idea, but the collection would be most valuable for the geographical range of U. S. Plants, as I have been very particular in that respect - & it would also be valuable as undoubted authority for the Plants in Torrey & Gray's Works -